



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1151***

LCO No. 3132

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

***AN ACT REDUCING THE SULFUR CONTENT OF HOME HEATING OIL  
AND OFF-ROAD DIESEL FUEL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16a-21a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The amount of [sulphur] sulfur content of the following fuels  
4 sold, offered for sale, distributed or used in this state shall not exceed  
5 the following percentages by weight: (1) For number two heating oil,  
6 three-tenths of one per cent, and (2) for number two off-road diesel  
7 fuel, three-tenths of one per cent. As of the date on which the states of  
8 New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island limit the sulfur content of  
9 number two home heating oil to five hundred parts per million, or  
10 lower, or on and after June 1, 2010, whichever date occurs earlier, the  
11 sulfur content of the following fuels sold, offered for sale, distributed  
12 or used in this state shall not exceed the following amounts by weight:  
13 (A) For number two heating oil, five hundred parts per million, and (B)  
14 for number two off-road diesel fuel, five hundred parts per million.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may suspend

16 the requirements of subsection (a) of this section if [he] the  
17 commissioner finds that the physical availability of fuel which  
18 complies with such requirements is inadequate to meet the needs of  
19 residential, commercial or industrial users in this state and that such  
20 inadequate availability constitutes an emergency, provided [he] the  
21 commissioner shall specify in writing the period of time such  
22 suspension shall be in effect.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16a-21a
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To further eradicate sulfur emissions in the state of Connecticut by reducing the sulfur content of home heating oil and off-road diesel fuel.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*